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Distinguished Legislators,

I am writing to voice my concern over the increasing role and burden Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are placing on our healthcare system. These PBMs are forcing my patients to use mail order pharmacies from out of state where the patient has no contact with a live pharmacist. I have many patients on complex medical regimens that require the assistance of our local pharmacist to manage this safely. I have one lady I had to sit down with the pharmacist for 30 minutes to make sure she had all her medicines correctly. Patient sees many specialists and has been in and out of the hospital multiple times recently. Her medicines change frequently and there is no way mail order can keep up. This can not be managed from a company many states away. This lady will die if she doesn't get her meds just right. She relies heavily on our local pharmacist to keep her safe on her medicines. Therefore, we must stop these PBMs from forcing patients to use mail order pharmacies. Our local pharmacists know our patients and pick up mistakes we make all the time to help keep these people safe and healthy. Please continue to support our local pharmacists who work hard to keep their communities safe and healthy. They are an integral part of our healthcare team and should not be forced out by PBMs who are only looking at their bottom line and not the safety of our patients.

Sincerely,



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